

## Press release

### ***The Schneider Electric Foundation for Energy Sharing: new ambitions for new challenges of society***

**Brussels, September 7, 2007** – By reorganising and redefining the objectives of its foundation, Schneider Electric puts energy at the heart of its societal responsibilities.

The Foundation for energy sharing responds to the demands of new challenges:

- Better energy production,
- Facilitated access to energy for all,
- Optimum management of the problem of climate change.

It reaffirms the group's determination to make its contribution to the planet's survival via the message it carries: *to promote the durable supply and use of energy for the greatest good of all.*

#### **From the transmission of know-how to energy sharing: missions working for the entire community**

The Schneider Electric Foundation pursues three principal objectives.

##### **1. Transmitting skills and competence by accompanying:**

- the least well-off, enabling them to have access to energy. In this way, in Cameroun, the Foundation has brought up to standard the electrical installations of a technical high school's electrical engineering workshops;
- young people, to promote their professional insertion in energy-linked professions. In Turkey, the Foundation has awarded grants to 50 women students to help them to continue their studies in electrical and electronic engineering. In Central Africa, it has developed training courses for engineers and technicians by providing access to the necessary material and human means (teacher training and recruitment, acquisition of scientific and technical equipment, etc.).

##### **2. Sharing energy by transmitting:**

- know-how, to encourage access to energy. In Benin, working with *Electriciens sans frontière*, the Foundation is participating in work to provide electricity to several villages and introduce street lighting. At the same time, it is training local villagers in the day-to-day maintenance of the network;
- knowledge, by contributing to teacher training. In the Lebanon and in partnership with the IECD (European Institute for Cooperation and Development), the Foundation contributes to the improvement of the training capacity of 6 technical schools in electricity, electronics and electro-mechanics, in order to ensure the professional and social insertion of disadvantaged young people.

##### **3. Promoting:**

- the responsibility of men and women and a commitment to saving the planet. In partnership with the International Polar Foundation, the Schneider Electric Foundation for energy sharing has contributed to the project of constructing a new research base in Antarctica by supplying electrical distribution, building technical management and lighting equipment.



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